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SUBJECT: LEAHY HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW FOR DOD-FUNDED TRAINING
ACTIVITIES-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

REF: STATE 16950, 05 MAR 09

¶1. POST REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN VETTING THE FOLLOWING UNITS AND UNIT COMMANDERS OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND, WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A CENTCOM-SPONSORED JOINT COMBINED EXCHANGE TRAINING (JCET) EXERCISE ENTITLED ECHO DANCER/EASTERN EAGLE, FEB 1 - APR 1 2010, PURSUANT TO THE LEAHY AMENDMENT AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. AT THIS TIME POST POSSESSES NOT CREDIBLE INFORMATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY THE UNIT OR ITS COMMANDER.

¶2. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (UAE SOC) UNIT COMMANDER: MAJOR GENERAL JUMA AHMED AL BAWARDI AL FALASI. LOCATION: ABU DHABI, UAE. AGENCY: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

¶3. UNIT: 1ST SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION. UNIT COMMANDER: LT COL YAQOOB YOUSIF MOHAMMED AL ALI. LOCATION: ABU DHABI, UAE. AGENCY: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE

¶4. UNIT: 2ND SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION. UNIT COMMANDER: LT COL MUSALLAM MOHAMMED SAEED AL RASHDI. LOCATION: ABU DHABI, UAE. AGENCY: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
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